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Writer of Book About C.I.A. Loses a New Bid for Material

RICHMOND, Aug. 8 (AP) — A Federal appellate court ruled yesterday that classified material obtained by Victor Marchetti, the author of a book about the Central Intelligence Agency, should remain secret unless disclosure was essential.

The ruling by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit rejecting a motion by Morton Halperin that the information be disclosed to his lawyer to aid in a Freedom of Information

It was the third time the court had

and the Cult of Intelligence," written by Mr. Marchetti, a former employee of the agency.

The court denied public disclosure of some material in the book in 1972 and ordered Mr. Marchetti to submit his manuscript to the agency for prior review. The book was published in 1974 with 168 blank spaces. A year later a Federal court allowed Mr. Marchetti and his publisher to use the deleted material, but the ruling was overturned by the appellate court.

In 1980 a Federal court granted Mr. Halperin and his lawyer access to the classified information. He wanted to use it in a suit seeking its disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. The Government objected to disclosure of dealt with suits involving "The C.I.A. the material to Mr. Halperin's lawyer.